

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

AUGUSTA DIVISION

JACOB M. GLOVER,)	
all others situated,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CV 116-154
)	
SENTINEL OFFENDER SERVICES, LLC;)	
COLUMBIA COUNTY SUPERIOR)	
COURT; and AUGUSTA COURTHOUSE,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MAGISTRATE JUDGE’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pro se Plaintiff brought the above-captioned case and sought leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”). (Doc. no. 2.) After Plaintiff failed to comply with the Court’s order that he provide accurate financial information, the Court denied Plaintiff IFP and ordered he remit the full \$400.00 filing fee. (Doc. no. 9.) Plaintiff’s time to comply with the Court’s order has expired and Plaintiff has not remitted the filing fee. Plaintiff was warned that failure to comply would result in a recommendation that his case be dismissed. (*Id.* at 2-3.)

A district court has authority to manage its docket to expeditiously resolve cases, and this authority includes the power to dismiss a case for failure to prosecute or failure to comply with a court order. Equity Lifestyle Props., Inc. v. Fla. Mowing & Landscape Serv., Inc., 556 F.3d 1232, 1240 (11th Cir. 2009) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b)); see also Hyler v. Reynolds Metal Co., 434 F.2d 1064, 1065 (5th Cir. 1970) (“It is well settled that a district

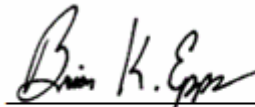
court has inherent power to dismiss a case for failure to prosecute”). Moreover, the Local Rules of the Southern District of Georgia dictate that an “assigned Judge may, after notice to counsel of record, *sua sponte* . . . dismiss any action for want of prosecution, with or without prejudice . . . [for] failure to prosecute a civil action with reasonable promptness.” Loc. R. 41.1(c). Finally, “dismissal without prejudice [is] appropriate” pursuant to Rule 41(b) where a plaintiff has failed to comply with a court order, “especially where the litigant has been forewarned.” Owens v. Pinellas Cnty. Sheriff’s Dep’t, 331 F. App’x 654, 655 (11th Cir. 2009) (citing Moon v. Newsome, 863 F.2d 835, 837 (11th Cir. 1989)).

Here, because Plaintiff has failed to comply with the Court’s order requiring him to remit the filing fee, dismissal without prejudice is appropriate. Owens, 331 F. App’x at 655. The Court recognizes Plaintiff is proceeding *pro se* and acknowledges courts have voiced a dislike for the harshness of dismissing a *pro se* case with prejudice prior to an adjudication on the merits. See, e.g., Minnette v. Time Warner, 997 F.2d 1023, 1027 (2d Cir. 1993); Dickson v. Ga. State Bd. of Pardons & Paroles, No. 1:06-CV-1310-JTC, 2007 WL 2904168, at *6 (N.D. Ga. Oct. 3, 2007). Thus, the Court is not persuaded that it would be appropriate to dismiss the instant action with prejudice. The Court is not permanently barring Plaintiff from bringing a meritorious claim. It is simply recommending dismissing the case without prejudice until such time as Plaintiff is willing to file his case and pursue it.

Accordingly, the Court **REPORTS** and **RECOMMENDS** that this case be

DISMISSED without prejudice and that this civil action be **CLOSED**.

SO REPORTED and RECOMMENDED this 22nd day of November, 2016, at
Augusta, Georgia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian K. Epps", is written over a horizontal line.

BRIAN K. EPS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA